

REMARKS

The Examiner has:

- I. Rejected Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Alvarado et al.

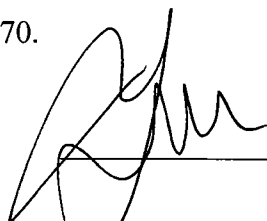
The Claims Are Not Anticipated

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as allegedly anticipated by Alvarado et al. Applicant cannot agree. The Alvarado et al. reference represents the applicant's own work. Applicant supplies a declaration (submitted herewith) explaining that he conceived of the claimed invention. Moreover, it provides information concerning the co-authors, three of which were students under his supervision (with the professor providing the third student). The reference, therefore, is not "by others" as required by 35 U.S.C. 102(a). Moreover, since it is the work of the applicants, it is not "before the invention." Thus, it is not prior art and the rejection must be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the declaration and arguments provided above, Applicants believe that Claims 1-5 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned at 781-828-9870.

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